

**UNIVERSITY OF CALGARY
FACULTY OF ARTS
DEPARTMENT OF CLASSICS AND RELIGION**

COURSE OUTLINE – WINTER 2016

Course RELS 605.10 / 705.10 L01 Advanced Topics in Cross-Cultural Philosophy of Religion: Knowing and Non-Knowing.
Time Thursday 2:00-4:45
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Required Text(s):

Friedrich Nietzsche, *Thus Spoke Zarathustra*, tr. Walter Kaufmann, Penguin Classics, 2003.
 Heidegger Readings: On d2L.
 Zhuangzi, *Book of Chuang-tzu*, translated by Martin Palmer. London: Penguin Classics, 2006
 Georges Bataille, *Theory of Religion*, tr. Robert Hurley, Zone Books, 1992.
 The Zen Teachings of Master Lin-Chi. Translated Burton Watson. Columbia University Press. 1999

Course Description: This course will compare Eastern and Western texts with a particular focus on themes such as the limits of linguistic knowing, the connection between anthropomorphism and the sacred, the critique of instrumental reason, and the links between language, knowledge and violence.

Online elements for this course: readings posted online

Core Competencies: Students will develop skills in writing and comparative analysis. In addition students will do class presentations and lead class discussion.

Course Requirements:

Date	Assessment	Weight (%)	Required pass/fail
02/25/16	First Paper (15 pages)	40	Yes
04/07/16	Second Paper (20-22 pages)	45	Yes
	2 Presentations and participation	15	Yes

Each paper will require the student to compare one Eastern and one Western text.

Grading

A letter grade will be assigned to each component of the course according to the University's Graduate Studies Calendar 2015-2016:

A +	4.0	Outstanding
A	4.0	Excellent – superior performance showing comprehensive understanding of the subject matter
A-	3.7	Very good performance
B +	3.3	Good performance
B	3.0	Satisfactory performance Note: The grade point value (3.0) associated with this grade is the minimum acceptable average that a graduate student must maintain throughout the program as computed at the end of each registration anniversary year of the program.
B-	2.7	Minimum pass for students in the Faculty of Graduate Studies Note: A student who receives a B- or lower in two or more courses will be required to withdraw regardless of their grade point average unless the program recommends otherwise. Individual programs may require a higher minimum passing grade.
C +	2.3	All grades below B- are indicative of failure at the graduate level and cannot be counted toward Faculty of Graduate Studies course requirements. A student who receives a grade of F will normally be required to withdraw unless the program recommends otherwise.
C	2.0	
C-	1.7	
D +	1.3	
D	1.0	
F	0.0	

N.B. All written assignments will be graded with regard to both form and content.

Policy with regard to missed assignments/assessments:

Late papers will be marked down at a rate of 3% per day. Extensions will only be granted under exceptional circumstances and must be accompanied by proper documentation (i.e., medical certificate, etc.).

Expectations for student conduct in this course:

It is imperative that students both read and reflect on the text, attend classes and participate in class discussion. This is a seminar course.

Electronic Device Policy:

No electronic equipment shall be permitted in the classroom. This includes laptops, ipads, cell phones, etc.

Syllabus:

A complete syllabus will be made available the first week of class.

References and Bibliography:

The Department of Classics and Religion uses the most recent edition of the Chicago Manual of Style and requires references and bibliographies to adhere to the Chicago citation system. You can find a quick guide here: http://www.chicagomanualofstyle.org/tools_citationguide.html. Alternatively please consult with the library staff for help and advice using the Chicago citation style.

Academic Honesty

Plagiarism is not tolerated at the University of Calgary and has serious consequences. Your essays/presentations must be your own work and inadequate referencing may be seen as plagiarism. Please see the relevant sections on Academic Misconduct in the current University Calendar (section K, which can be found here: <http://www.ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/k.html>). If you have questions about correct referencing, please consult your instructor, or librarian staff.

Student Accommodations

Students seeking an accommodation based on disability or medical concerns should contact Student Accessibility Services; SAS will process the request and issue letters of accommodation to instructors. For additional information on support services and accommodations for students with disabilities, visit www.ucalgary.ca/access/.

Students who require an accommodation in relation to their coursework based on a protected ground other than disability should communicate this need in writing to their Instructor.

The full policy on Student Accommodations is available at

http://www.ucalgary.ca/policies/files/policies/student-accommodation-policy_0.pdf.

Desire 2 Learn (D2L) Help

Go to <http://elearn.ucalgary.ca/desire2learn/home/students> for Student Help and FAQ's about D2L. Troubleshooting tips and a tutorial are also available on this website.

Graduate Student Association Ombudsperson

The Student Ombuds Office provides independent, impartial and confidential support for students who require assistance and advice in addressing issues and concerns related to their academic careers. See www.ucalgary.ca/provost/students/ombuds for more information.

Emergency Evacuation Assembly Point

In case of an emergency evacuation during class, students must gather at the designated assembly point nearest to the classroom. The list of assembly points is found at

www.ucalgary.ca/emergencyplan/assemblypoints. Please check this website and not the nearest assembly point for this course.

Safewalk

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